

County Planning Connection November 2021 News

Trail Improvements at Fillmore County Park

Thanks to Mathew Prokuda and his Eagle Scout Project as part of Troop 381 in Hartland, Livingston County is the recipient of a wonderful new trail improvement through the woods of Fillmore County Park. Mathew set out to provide a solution to traversing a particularly muddy stretch of trail through a wetland area. He concluded that a bridge in this trail area would provide unhindered trail accessibility to visitors. The resulting 48 foot bridge was constructed by team of volunteers, in four 6 x 12 foot sections on three pairs of legs which rest on concrete cookies (footers) below the frostline. The bridge takes an angle at one end to meet the existing trail on the other side. Mathew raised \$1,200 in donations for his Eagle Scout Project, which fully covered the cost of the bridge.

Volunteering is a way of life for the Prokuda family; Mathew and his family have volunteered their time and resources to many Livingston County Park events. Mathew's Mom is Kellie Prokuda of the Facility Services Department, and Mathew's Dad is Brian Prokuda, Chair of the Livingston County Planning Commission.



Livingston County Transportation Quarterly

The Livingston County Transportation Coalition has experienced an interesting few years in transportation advocacy. Transportation services have diminished during the pandemic and have struggled to regain momentum, yet many new partners have joined in coalition activities, particularly regarding non-motorized transportation. To learn more about the multi-modal transportation activities taking place in Livingston County, and how you might become more involved, consider signing up for the Livingston County Transportation Quarterly at:

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Recreation Grant Opportunity

The Ralph C Wilson, Jr. Foundation is partnering with the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan to support grants across our region. The Design and Access Fund supports pre-planning, development and/or construction costs of projects related to increasing the walkability, bikeability and outdoor recreational activities of local communities within the region. Key dates for this grant opportunity are:

December 1 for registration in their on-line grant system, and **December 10** for grant submission. For more information see: <https://cfsem.org/special-opportunities/ralph-c-wilson-jr-legacy-funds/>